

HALLOWING POINT FARM

ca. 1820

The main block of this two part frame house with brick ends is Federal in Character, being of two and one half storys with an end hall and double parlor floor plan. and having two exterior chimneys. At the chimney end stands a lower two and one half story later wing.

The existing house replaces an earlier structure said to have been burned by the British ca. 1812. The original Hallowing Point tract was a 1653 grant to John Ashcome.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hallowing Point Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

(MD Rt. 231) Hallowing Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Hallowing Point

☒ VICINITY OF Burch

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

MD

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ashcomb Gourley

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 231

MD

CITY, TOWN

Hallowing Point

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: AAH 23

Folio #: 27

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The north wing or main block is quite consistent with the period being side-hall and double-parlor in plan. The moulding and mantles are consistent with the period too although they appear late in date. The mantles are not finely carved but "blocked-off" as was the style by attached mouldings. The doorways are decorated with bulls-eye corner blocks. If H. R. Hitchcock is to be believed, these could not be dated much before the 1820's

The hall is 12-14' wide and contains a grand stairs which turn and bend from landing to landing all of the way to the 3rd level. It has a fine dark wood (walnut?) bannister and scrolled step-ends. By being on the north side of the house this hall forms a good insulation for the parlors. Because of the opposite doors on the east and west sides it provides a cool room in the summer.

On the second floor there are two bedrooms the size of the parlors below plus a smaller third room which occupies half of the hall space. There are two more smaller rooms on the third level. Where construction is taking place, hewn studs were observed in the wall separating these two rooms.

A large two story wing extends from the main block to the south. The present dining room and kitchen are contained in this wing on the first floor and there are bedrooms above. In the north bedroom of this wing one can see clapboards belonging to the original exterior of the main block.

The present owner, Kenneth Brooks recalls his grandparents having made many changes to the house. Mr. Gourley was a riverboat man who was away much of the time and he used to joke about being afraid to come home for fear of not recognizing the house. It seems that the house had deteriorated considerably prior to the Gourleys buying it and Mrs. Gourley was determined to make it liveable. She not only cleaned up, but redecorated and even redesigned by knocking out walls, and cutting through doors. She moved the meathouse and put in a flower garden, added a kitchen wing, and had porches built on both the east and west facades. Mrs. Gourley is said to have kept a carpenter in residence on the property keeping him busy for two years.

The porches or portices that were built are in keeping with the Federal character of the house, however, they are relatively modern additions. It can be seen in accompanying photographs that the fenestration differs in the two wings. The main block has large 6/6 windows with many panes still containing early bubbled glass. The south wing contains 9/6 windows very like those in the mid-nineteenth century addition at "Stonesby" (CLVT-47). A window in the west bedroom on the second floor of the main block has the name "Maggie Sollers" scratched into it with the date "1849". Common to this plan are the double-end chimneys which serve fireplaces in both parlors and the two main bedrooms. Family tradition holds that these chimneys were built with bricks salvaged from the house destroyed by the British.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the present owner, his grandparents purchased this property in the 1890's from Henry Morton whose family had built the house following the British march through Benedict. British forces destroyed the earlier house on the farm necessitating the erection of a new house, the present structure.

(See survey file for title search)

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY** Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

Form compiled by:

*Merry Stinson**Feb. 1978*

ORGANIZATION

*architectural consultant*

DATE

*757-2815*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*Rt. 5 Box 262 B*

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

*Annapolis, Md. 21401*

STATE

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### Outbuildings

Like other farms of that era "Hallowing Point" had many outbuildings each relative to a specific function. The ice house and dairy have been demolished as well as the oldest barn. Other buildings survive, however, and at least two of these claim an early date. One of them is the meat-house.

Although it was moved during the first decade of this century, the meathouse has remained in tact. It is possible that the present siding is replacement material. Inside, however, one can see a proper post-and-beam frame made from heavy timbers (well dressed and not rough; surfaces even appear planed) joined by mortise-and-tenon and fixed with trunnels. Thinner studs are placed every 2'. This nearly 15' square, measuring 15' on the east side and 14'8" across the north facade. It is 9' between the ground and plates and is capped by a fairly steep gable end roof.

### Barn and Stables

About fifty yards east of the house on the south side of the entrance road is a complex of buildings containing a tobacco barn, a cornhouse and a stable. Mr. Brooks recalls that the oldest tobacco barn which used to stand on the northside of the driveway was torn down in the 1920's. Materials from that barn may have been used in constructing the present barn. It is built primarily out of circular sawn timber joined with wire nails, although a few sills, braces, and uprights appear to be hewn pieces which contain non-functional mortises and auger holes.

The cornhouse also contains modern materials, however neither of these buildings should be dismissed as worthless for both are examples of early twentieth century farm structures which represent a lifestyle that has passed forever not only on this farm but throughout the county. Few new tobacco barns are being built and cornhouses are sometimes used but seldom replaced.

There is no question that the stable is an important structure. Its hewn post-and-beam frame and the early cut nails present immediately suggest its early age. With the age of horse drawn vehicles only half a century behind us it is surprising how few architectural traces of it remain. Some tobacco barns still retain sheds which were used as animal shelters and some carriage houses have been recorded. Nevertheless, given the importance of horses to travel one would expect to find as many stables as meathouses, barns, or cornhouses. This is not the case however, and the stable at "Hallowing Point Farm" is the first early building devoted exclusively to this purpose that has been recorded in the county.

The stable building is 40'6" long, it is 14' deep and there is 8' between the ground and the eaves. The gable-end roof accomodates a loft which is reached by stairs from within. The interior is divided into four bays with three of them to house animals and the fourth on the west end probably being a storage room for tack and feed. The west corner of this

room contains the stairs to the loft. The room is made sepearte from the rest of the building by a plank partition. The other bays are divided by fences. A 2' passageway runs along the north wall providing access to all four bays.

The loft is finished with a plank floor and has doors in the gable ends for loading and unloading.

The post-and-beam construction of this building is consistent with the frames of early tobacco barns. It is important to realize that the side plates are continuous (40'6") and required considerable labor in processing a very large tree. In the loft the rafters are exposed revealing that the trusses are formed by lap-joining hewn pieces and fixing them with cut nails which appear to have hand fashioned heads. Theye are quite irregular when compared to the machine cut nails found in the wall of the tack room or the siding.

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Calvert County</b> TOWN <b>Hallowing Point</b> STREET NO. <b>Hallowing Point</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Ashcom Family</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>T. Ashcom Gurley</b> PRESENT USE <b>Dwelling</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Clapboard</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2-1/2 w/smaller 2-1/2 addition</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>CT-36</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Hallowing Point Farm</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>C. 1820</b> STYLE <b>Maryland Colonial</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></div> <p>This is a large house whose style harkens back to the 18th century. It is 3 bays wide and 2 deep with a large steeply pitched A-roof. It is 2-1/2 storys in height. The windows on the first floor are 9/6 while those on the second are 6/6. There are two 6/6 peaked dormers on both the front and back roof. A porch has been added over the door, which occupies the left front bay. The proportions in this house are very generous, making it a very big and high house.</p> <p>There are twin chimneys on the right end of the house, separated from the wall above the second story level. There is a one story frame pent between the chimneys. Also, at the right end of the house and set back slightly is a much lower 2-1/2 story 3 bay wide A-roof addition with one dormer on its front and one on its back roof. It has an exterior chimney on its right end which is separated from the wall above the second story level. This wing is also C. 1820.</p> <p>The hallway of the house has interesting panelling - the step ends are scrolled in a stylized wave motif and the stair curves as it goes up to the second story.</p> <p>The old Manor House which stood on this lovely site on the (CONTINUED ON BACK SIDE)</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior			
<u>Very Good Condition</u>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>PAB 7/20/67</b>  DATE OF RECORD	



Patuxent was burned by the British in the War of 1812 and this house was built shortly thereafter to replace it.

It is an interesting and well-maintained old house.

An upstairs windowpane has the date August 23, 1847 scratched into it.

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CALVERT COUNTY

PATUXENT RIVER

CALVERT COUNTY  
ST. MARYS COUNTY

HALLOWING POINT

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Farm ~~East~~

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Hallowing Point  
farm

E.

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farm

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